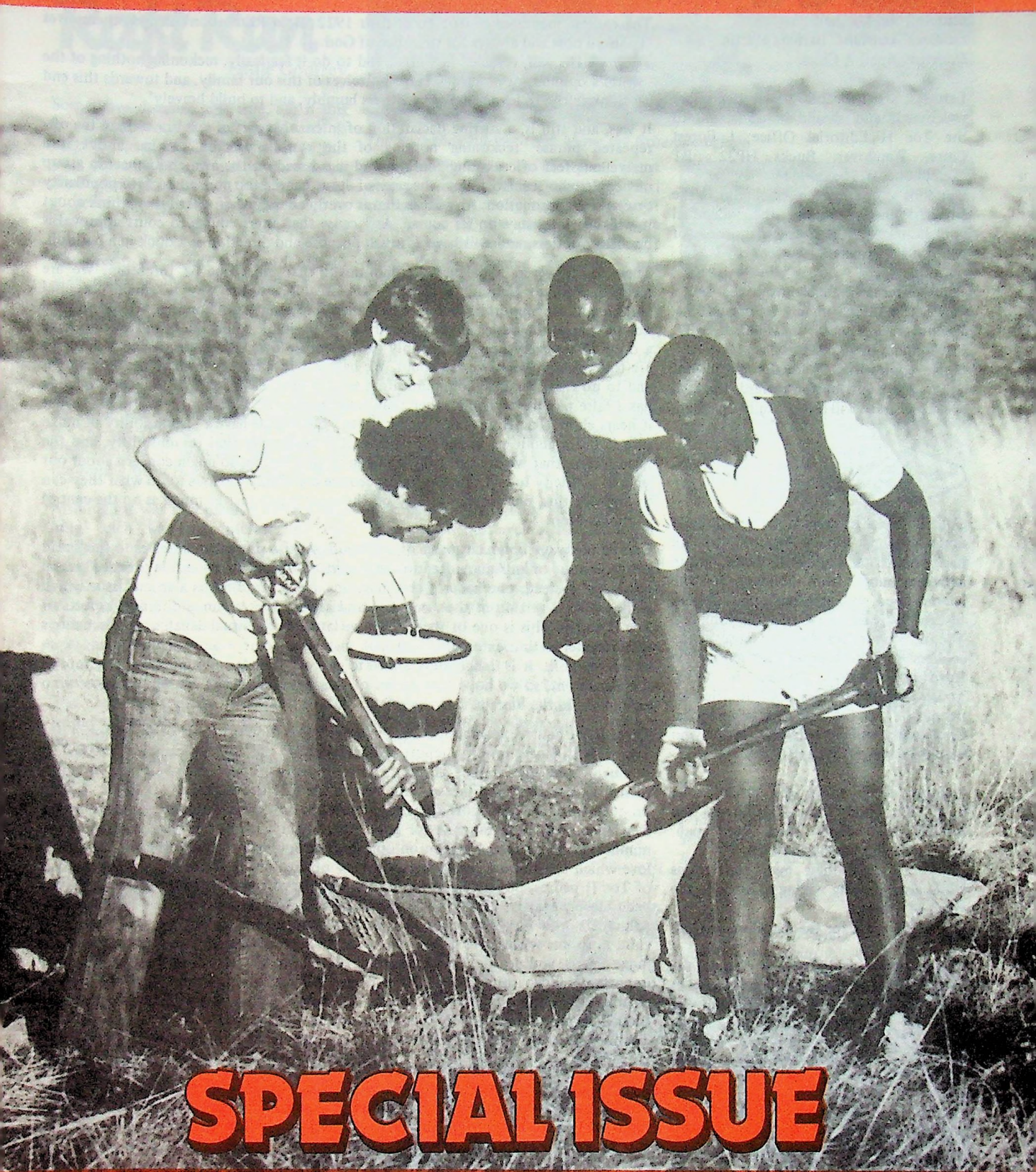


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Toc H seeks to create friendship and understanding among people of all backgrounds and beliefs. Local group activities range from holidays for the handicapped and children's playschemes to arts festivals and even bird watching. Toc H is short for Talbot House – the soldiers' club in Belgium founded by the Reverend 'Tubby' Clayton in 1915. Today Toc H provides opportunities for people to test the relevance of practical Christianity and we welcome anyone who would like to give us a try.

Members accept a four fold commitment:

1. To build friendships across the barriers that divide man from man.
2. To give personal service.
3. To find their own convictions while always being willing to listen to the views of others.
4. To work for the Kingdom of God.

This magazine, which acts as a forum for ideas about Toc H and about the world in which we live, takes its title from the third of these Four Points – to think fairly.

Cover picture

English and South African volunteers at Carletonville – see article by Dion Roder on pages 12 and 13 in this issue.

Photo: Peter Ranken

Editorial

Reckoning nothing of the world's opinion

The earliest members of Toc H, in their 1922 'Main Resolution', pledged themselves 'To listen now and always for the voice of God.'

To know His will, revealed in Christ, and to do it fearlessly, reckoning nothing of the world's opinion, or its successes for ourselves or this our family, and towards this end To think fairly, to love widely, to witness humbly, and to build bravely'.

It was, and still is, a stirring declaration of intent. No part of it is braver than the oft-repeated phrase 'reckoning nothing of the world's opinion'. It has about it a marvellous feel of crusading courage, and it is based on the awareness that no group of people who seek to follow the way of Jesus can be too concerned with popularity or worldly approbation. Any cause that is overly conscious of what others think about it will not long stay on its course. Any cause that alters course to court approval is basically rootless, and will have as much purpose and direction as a duck in a bathtub.

There is, however, a balancing commitment that must not be forgotten. We are pledged, also, to transmit a spirit to the world, and the way in which potential participants, or supporters, perceive us is therefore a matter of concern. We have a duty not to change the basics so they become more palatable to outsiders, but we also have a duty to do everything we possibly can to ensure that those outside the Movement are told, clearly, what we are about. We have a responsibility to share the Movement, and to do that, we must communicate it as accurately as possible. If the world outside has a false picture of Toc H, then that must concern us. Whether the world likes what it hears about Toc H does not really matter, but we do have a responsibility to make sure it hears about us in the first place. It is because of that responsibility, and the wide feeling that we are not fully meeting it, that there is so much concern about our lack of publicity today. The Central Executive are clearly anxious to do what they can to improve this, but there is a duty on the local group just as much as on the central administration.

One of the ways in which many organisations seek to present themselves to the world is by the issue of an Annual Report. We used to do this, but ceased the practice several years ago. Instead, one issue of this magazine, every Autumn, is a special issue which carries a short version of the Accounts, and a brief look at some different aspects of Toc H today. This is one of these. In it we lay aside the usual debates and discussions – both internal and external – and look instead at some examples of different types of Toc H work. It is deliberately aimed to give our friends and supporters a picture of the Movement, so we hope that copies of this issue will find their way to those who are not yet in the Family.

There is, of course, an inbuilt danger in any presentation or report of an organism like Toc H. It is always easier to report, list and quantify the bits that can be quantified. It is much easier to produce accounts, list properties, count members and so forth than it is to convey and measure the real values that the Movement is about. We can produce accounts that show a financial result but how can we present, let alone prove, lives that have been touched for good by contact with Toc H? We can count the number of elderly people taken on outings, but how can we show the simple acts of love which transform a lonely person's view of the world? We can count the number of Toc H padres, but how can we list the number of members whose spiritual life has been deepened by their contact with Toc H? We can list the number of young volunteers who help with playschemes, but how can we present the way a deprived child blossoms when given a hug? There is always a danger that we are more ready to judge things, and people, on the external things that we can count than on the more important hidden things which we can not. All too often, we fall into the trap of assuming that things that make money are satisfactory, and things that cost money should be abandoned. Sometimes the opposite is true, and a financial picture of a Toc H piece of work can be as distorted as an image in a hall of mirrors.

There's no simple answer to that. We do have to try and present the Movement – who we are and what we do – even though we know we cannot actually present the divine intangibles as fully as we would wish. We are limited by our vocabulary and the fact that the most important things don't always come across in print. All we can do is to do our best with the written and spoken word, inadequate though it is, and then go on to make sure that those who actually try Toc H come across these divine intangibles, because our corporate life together indicates that they are present. Whatever the accounts show, or the communicators claim, it is that on which we shall ultimately be assessed.

The Great Straits Raft Run

Eddie Godfrey

Sometimes dreams come true, but if this is to happen, a lot of hard work is normally required. At Port Penrhyn this year not only did a dream come true, but after much hard work it became a great success and maybe an annual occasion in that area.

The dream was a raft race and it was to take place in the Menai Straits. I first heard of this idea from Peter Marshall, the Instructor at the Toc H Adventure Centre at Penrhyn, and not only saw the staff there bring it to fruition but was lucky enough to share in their day. Have you ever seen a raft race? I had, but only on rivers and so was totally unprepared for the spectacle which at last unfolded, after months of planning and work, on the Spring Bank Holiday Monday in May.

Although it was first planned to be a race only, such was the interest and the challenge of travelling in this way some six kilometres along the Straits that many people just chose to accept the challenge of participating. The object was to obtain sponsorship and raise money for Toc H and other charities.

The weather on the day was just right. The wind was from the west and the rafts would be assisted by the incoming tide. Walking the shore in the hours before the race, all the final preparations were being made. Some rafts seemed perfect and

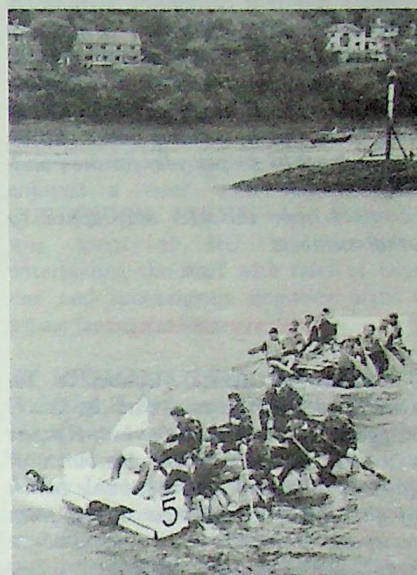


The Save-the-Children team above the Britannia Bridge.

were floating easily by the quay, whilst others were in their stages of final construction. Activity raged everywhere! The crews of the safety boats were assembling, the large accompanying craft were being prepared and the local population and holiday makers looked on with amazement.

At 11am the start signal went, and by then I was bobbing around out on the Straits in the mother craft to the safety boats. The Armada of craft which left the shore was a great spectacle of colour, odd shapes and designs. Some were paddled along the course but some of the more complex also had sails to take advantage of the wind. Thirty two teams took part and in a very short time they were spaced out over a mile of water. They were surrounded by safety boats on the whole run; small ones buzzing around like busy water-boatmen and larger craft waiting to assist in case of mishap.

The first raft home reached Menai Bridge in the staggering time of 42 minutes, where they were welcomed by pints of foaming ale. Over the next hour they were followed in by every starter. A truly magnificent effort, and accomplished without mishap and everyone saying 'when can we do it again?'

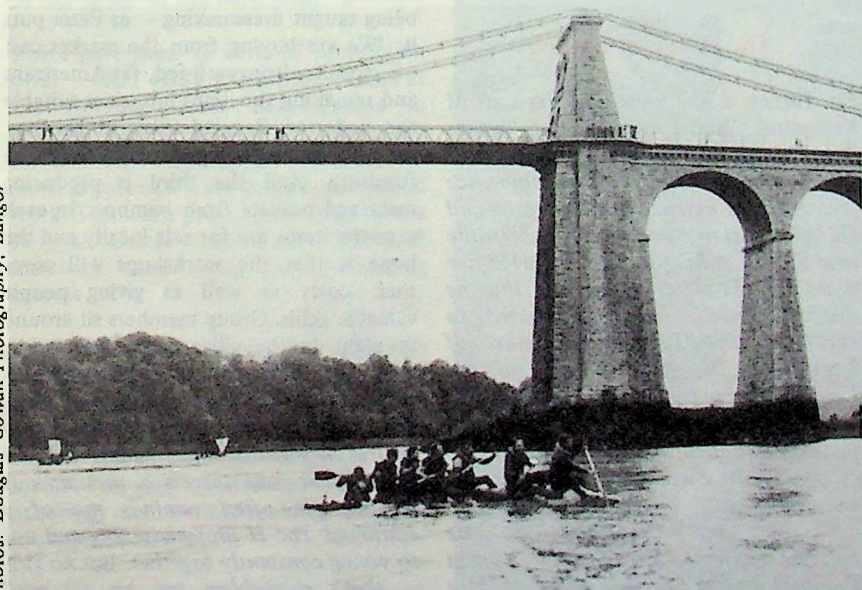


Prizes were awarded as follows:

- 1st - The Liverpool Arms Trophy to Cooke, Wood and Caird (local Chartered Surveyors).
- 2nd - Erw Fair Trophy for first craft without sails to Llandegfan Scouts Crew.
- The Best Dressed Raft to 1st Holyhead Sea Scouts.
- The Furthest Travelling Entry to Rugby Unemployed Group.



The winners at the Liverpool Arms.



Nearing the finish by the Menai road bridge.

Round and about

Festival Fund-Drive

One of the biggest donations to the Fund-Drive has come from Raymond Cross. He writes: 'There must be many members like me who were born in 1915 so that we and Toc H will be celebrating our 70th birthdays this year.'

'A bit late in the day to think of it perhaps but it is certainly a memorable year in anyone's life. What better way then, not only to give thanks for attaining this age but also to express in a tangible way what Toc H has meant to us in our lives. I do this by sending you a cheque on the basis of £1 per year for the Fund-Drive.'

'I hope this idea may appeal to other members.'

In Praise of Rangers

Joe Higgins, Central Councillor for Gwent, sent us this report on the Toc H Rangers: 'No, not the American Rangers who may well be an admirable bunch of guys. No, I refer to an admirable bunch of girls, the Toc H Ranger Guides from Newport, Mon. Sorry, I'm supposed to call the county "Gwent" not Monmouthshire as was.'

'Our own Dilys Saffin - "Saff" to innumerable folk - was the founder and is still very much an active part of these Rangers who bear the name of Toc H whenever they wear their uniform. I met them first when they were staying at Talbot House, Poperinge, and a lively and happy lot they were. Their work at Newport is such that they deserve a very special mention here as does Dilys herself.'

'They have run several camps under canvas for deprived children - kids from Newport as well as Bristol - and made many friends for Toc H, from Mayors to owners of top eating houses. I really must mention the boss of the top people's restaurant, The Walnut Tree, near Abergavenny, who has provided something special on occasions in the way of rations for hungry campers. The Rangers always "do the refreshments" at Re-dedication services at Newport; take the residents at a local Cheshire Home out on occasions; put the hall ready and do the odd jobs that are vitally necessary at a twice monthly meal and entertainment "do" for the handicapped that the lively Newport Branches engage in; provide a tea for the Cheshire Home folk which relieves the staff, and so on. But the list would be very long if I continued to itemise all their work.'

'And this August, they were at it again. The camp this year, organised by

"Saff" (Secretary of Gwent District) and with Ranger Catherine Price as CO in the field, was not under canvas but in the local Guide HQ in the centre of Abergavenny. There were some ten children - from Newport and Bristol again and six Rangers. They spent the week among the extraordinarily beautiful countryside of the Wales-England borders. One day I accompanied them down "BIG PIT" mining museum at Blaenavon - and down means all the way underground - with the group; and they loved it. On Wednesday they took a trip on the most beautiful of all Britain's canals, the Brecon-Abergavenny, in a water bus. They sampled the bustle and hustle of Abergavenny market - and sheep market too - and were entertained at the Fire Station. These Rangers give up this week to look after the kids - and Dilys put a lot of work, as usual, into organising it all. If I had a spare medal, I'd give it to her.'

'It's time these Toc H Rangers had some publicity; and praise too.'

Epping Forest Visit

Joan Macintosh tells us that Loughton Women's Branch recently entertained 18 Bangladeshi children and their parents. They were taken into Epping Forest where they played games and explored the Forest and later they went back to the Branch Room for tea.

This is the fifth year Loughton Women have had visits from these children and on two earlier visits they were accompanied by Peter East before he went to Bangladesh.

The youngest Branch

Pat Turner, a key person in the start of Kempston Branch this Spring, writes about life in the new Branch: 'Last year I was a member of the Day Conference "Team" which visited Wolverhampton and Cardiff. I was required to speak about the new Branch in Bedford which started five years ago. As a follow on from this the Bedford Branch has now divided to enable growth in Bedford and the area of Kempston. The first meeting of the Kempston Branch saw five new people which, added to the seven members who moved from Bedford to Kempston, has given us great encouragement in the new venture.'

'We meet fortnightly in our meeting room which is a small room in the local Baptist Chapel. One Wednesday every two months we go along to the

local Hostel for mentally handicapped adults. We spend the evening getting to know the people, playing games etc. There was a sadness within the home due to a sudden death of one of their number. However, by playing snooker, darts, dominoes and netball outside this helped to take away the sadness for a couple of hours. The intention is that we will visit the home on a regular basis then maybe give a party or disco at Christmas and who knows what next year? Maybe a holiday project within a Toc H centre.'

'Eight members took part in the North London Marafun ranging from the ages of late 20s to 70s. We all dressed up and at the end of a lovely day out have raised by sponsorship the grand total of £175.50 to be split between family purse and the Branch.'

'Ten members again took part in the procession at the Midsummer Festival. Our dressing up costumes this time took the theme of the Kempston Babes. This was chosen as we were the youngest Branch in the County, being established on 1 April this year. We also organised a most successful garden party, at which members from Stopsley (W) were present, and our next activity is to be a collection on Alexandra Rose Day.'

New developments in Bangladesh

The Khasdobir Youth Action Group, which has formed round Peter East in Bangladesh, now has 50 members. Their main project is running three 'schools under the sky', preparing four and five year olds for school by teaching them reading and writing. Over 700 children are being taught by the group. Nearly all are the children of rickshaw pullers and day labourers who, since they are unable to write themselves, cannot help their children. The group has also opened three training workshops. In one, ladies are being taught dressmaking - as Peter puts it: 'We are buying from the market cast off clothing from well-fed, fat Americans and remaking the items into sizes suitable for underfed Bangladeshis'. In another, ten boys are being taught to make furniture. And the third is producing mats and baskets from bamboo. In each case the items are for sale locally and the hope is that the workshops will cover their costs as well as giving people valuable skills. Group members sit around at night in the village school wrestling with the problems of poverty which surround them. 'Can you imagine,' writes Peter, 'our schools back home as drop-in centres at night? People wander in, pull up a chair and there's a spontaneous meeting. It often reminds me of a continual Toc H project, young and not so young constantly together. But no girls - that's a problem too big for me!'

PROJECTS 1985!

A brief survey
by Judi Edwards,
Project Development
Officer.

The summer of 1985 has proved to be a wet one for our season of short-term residential projects! However, this hasn't dampened spirits by the sound of it — there's been plenty of fun and activity around the country and also abroad, as this year saw our first ever volunteer exchange project in South Africa, as well as the three playschemes in BAOR at Berlin, Paderborn and Verden, West Germany.

Projects are a valuable area of Toc H today — with an intensity and depth of experience somewhat similar to that first touch of Toc H in the Old House 70 years ago. We offer volunteers an opportunity to live together for a week or more, in fairly basic conditions with a shared job of work. The group has to learn to live, share and love each other under often trying conditions — wet weather, hard work, being away from home, minibuses breaking down — to name but a few! Each group is made up of volunteers from a variety of backgrounds, beliefs and ways of thinking and the reins are held by leaders who will usually have been trained at one of our leadership training weekends earlier in the year. Several of the Regions run such weekends, and this year has seen them in West Mids & S Wales, South-East, Southern, Mid-East and North-East Regions.

We have run a programme of about 50 projects up and down the country this summer, attracting volunteers from all over UK and Europe. Many of the volunteers will have experienced Toc H for the first time in this International Youth Year, and will have returned full of the 'spirit' of this Movement.

There have been all sorts of projects on offer — **NOT JUST CONSERVATION** at the National Trust Base Camps in Dorking, Surrey, offered an opportunity for mentally handicapped volunteers to work as part of a team doing conservation work. This was a project conceived by the Harrow Group and local **MENCAP** members and was a resounding success...

In **NORFOLK**, three successful children's camps took place, involving a variety of activities for children referred by the local NSPCC. One of their weeks was called 'Adventure Week Holiday' and involved all sorts of adventures, including canoeing, orienteering, walking, and visits to places of interest...

An opportunity to help with a community playscheme in **SELLY OAK**,

Birmingham, occurred when volunteers worked alongside local staff and children for the first two weeks of August...

RIDE NAGS ROUNDABOUT in Wellingborough provided a week full of all sorts of experiences such as a 'Boggit Hunt' (an exciting way to publicise and fund-raise!); outings with the deaf; a morning of 'what its like to be in a wheelchair' followed by a trip to London helping people permanently in wheelchairs; a visit to Birdland with some mentally handicapped friends; a 'pantomime horse race' for local groups in the town; and activities for local children...

A successful week was held in **DOLGELLAU**, Gwynedd, where 14 deprived children between 9-12 were given a holiday to remember! Outings were arranged by local Toc H Branches, along with games, and fun for all!...

HITCHIN PLAYScheme culminated in a long weekend for volunteers and children at Shoburyness Royal Artillery Barracks — where they walked the longest pier in the world in the pouring rain!

Activities prior to that included a visit to the zoo, a farm centre, and leisure centre. A first-time volunteer told me that although he'd gone on the project to gain experience for his career, he would go in the future just because he'd enjoyed it so much!...

Another playscheme was held in **SALTBURN-BY-SEA**, Cleveland, based at the Toc H Coach House. There were many crafts and games, fun on the beach and in the woods, and a day at an adventure park...

Folk from the Royal School for the Blind enjoyed a week with volunteers at **CUDESSEDON HOUSE**. An afternoon was spent at HQ in Wendover, entertaining the staff with tales of trips out and spontaneous sing-song after a picnic tea on the lawn...

ST MICHAEL'S CHESHIRE HOME at Axbridge in Somerset provided the home for a team of volunteers for a week. The home is set at the edge of the Chew Valley Lakes and the successful week was spent providing affection, entertainments and outings for the residents...

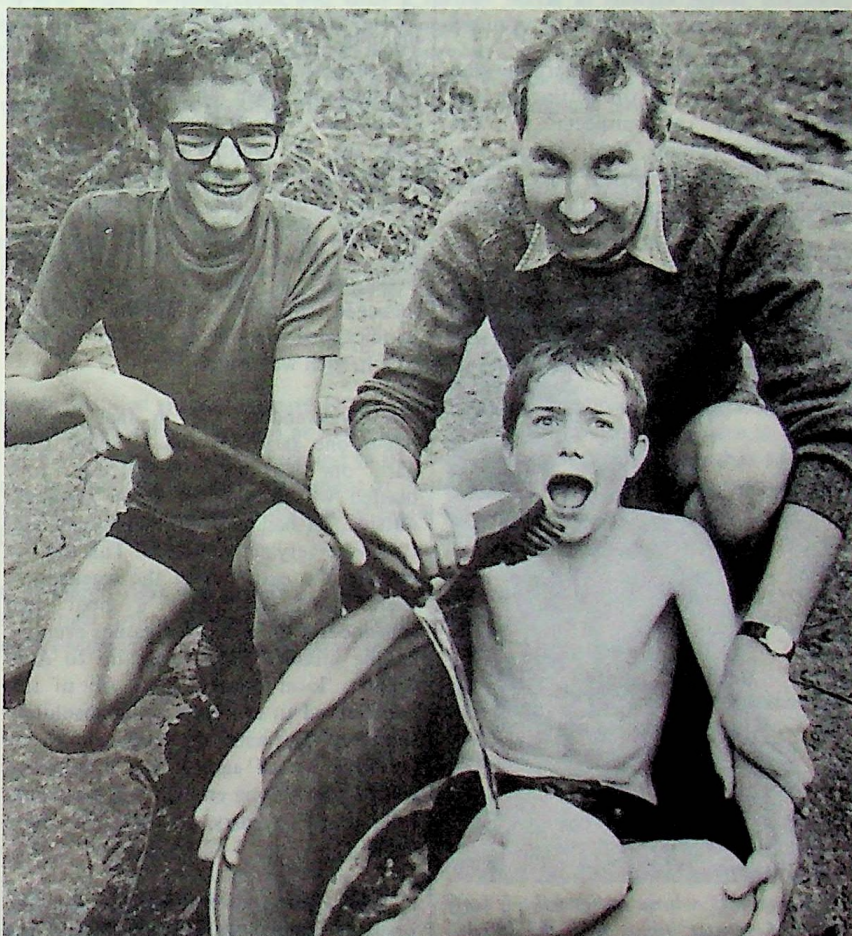


Photo: Derby Evening Telegraph

The Derby Toc H Boys Camp

PROJECTS 1985!

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The **BASINGSTOKE CANAL** is a stage nearer restoration after a week's hard work by a Toc H group of six girls and three lads! The volunteers had an enjoyable and educational time in the rain, learning about canals and helping to restore some of the disused section of the canal. They also enjoyed a barbeque at a lock, and spent an evening with local Branch members seeing a video about canals. The only problem seems to have been running out of bacon for breakfast...

And that's all for now. This doesn't mention the many personal highlights and shared joys, strengths and friendships gained during this year's projects. This is only a taste of the projects in 1985, and it must be said that many more happened this year — and continue over various weekends throughout the year. And the 1986 season is already being talked and dreamed about. It is my fervent belief that we must endeavour to expand, develop and increase the variety of project opportunities to attract more volunteers from ever wider sources to be involved in the Movement, and to enable us to share with them what Toc H is about.

Let's give thanks to and for everyone who has been involved in the setting up and carrying out of projects in the International Youth Year season, and showing us that the spirit is truly at work through their energy and enthusiasm.

And here's to 1986!...

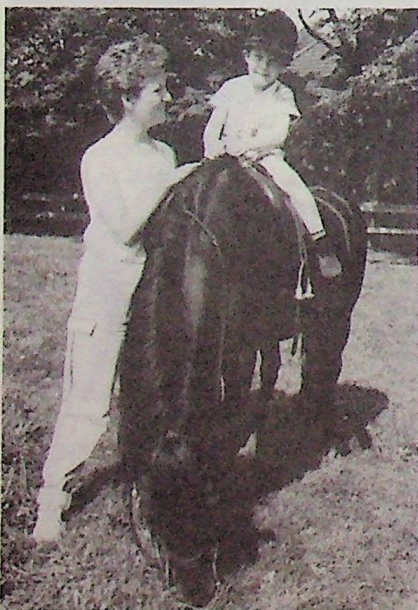


Photo: Army Information

Sue Biggerstaff, whose father John is staff man in Leicester, helps with the Verden Playscheme in BAOR.

Bangor Brown Bread Action Group

Helen Tomlinson

Our May issue, which listed the Awards made in this International Youth Year by the Warden Manor Trust, included £250 paid to some young people in Bangor. We are happy to reprint their report to the Trust.



We applied for a grant from the Warden Manor scheme firstly to help pay for a one-to-one weekend for mentally handicapped youngsters and, secondly, by doing the weekend, to form an embryo youth group in Bangor. We can say that, on both counts, the weekend was successful. And successful as well for all those who took part — not just for the mentally handicapped but also the volunteers, all of whom had 'a great time'.

The weekend took place, after much planning, on 3-5 May 1985. The aim of the weekend was to help the mentally handicapped have an experience away from home with ordinary people of their own age. We wanted severely mentally handicapped people to be the weekenders, because of their often limited experiences of being with non-handicapped people, and because they are frequently overlooked in favour of more easily managed children and mildly mentally handicapped people as people to take part in such weekends.

The 'weekenders' did in fact need a one-to-one ratio; of the 12 who took part, one was in a wheelchair, four needed wheelchairs for larger distances outside, six had no or limited speech, and two were very active indeed! This did not impede the activities of the weekend — there was swimming, a boat and speedboat trip, a disco, a games evening, baking biscuits and a walk up to Aber Falls, a local beauty spot. All of this contributed to everyone being absolutely shattered! But when the time came to say goodbye we all agreed that a weekend wasn't nearly long enough and we would have loved to carry on for a few more days!

I think part of the reason for the weekend being so successful was the depth of the relationships built up, even

with volunteers who had never met mentally handicapped people before, and the most severely handicapped people taking part. And the enjoyment of just being together was obvious. I also think the insight given to the volunteers of what it is like to look after a mentally handicapped person 24 hours a day made them think deeply about how one should relate to mentally handicapped people and their families. It wasn't only those who took part in the weekend who gained from it; parents and carers enjoyed a well earned break, away from their offspring. One mother was absolutely delighted that her son had to physically be taken away from us; it was the first time that he'd not wanted to go home straight away!

After it was all over the volunteers came together to form the Brown Bread Action Group — not indicative of the wholesome nature of Toc H but a legacy of the weekend and a well worn catch phrase. A follow-up day took place and a video of the weekend was shown. The group also took part in the 'Great Strait Raft Run' coming 17th out of 34, and also helped with the local house to house collection. Plans are now under way for a second weekend for mentally handicapped people aged 14-20, again one-to-one, but for physically able people who have different needs — for the very shy or quiet person for example. This is due to take place in the autumn.

It is early days for the BBBAGp, but given the excellent foundation of our first project a lot of enthusiasm has been generated, and people are wanting more, and different, types of projects and activities. Liaison with the local Branch has been good, and their continued support anticipated. It is now up to the Group to develop and gain more of the 'Toc H experience'.

TOC H ACCOUNTS 1984/85

HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

When considering what to put in this report to support the accounts there is a desire to look forward as well as backward. I shall try to make a few points in this way so that information which is now historic can be projected into the future. Although we are operating at a deficit, as shown over page, this has been reviewed in the light of work being done and had to be accepted. There are achievements of which we can be justly proud and which we are endeavouring to build upon. The Friendship Circle initiative in the North East has gained some recognition and we are at present endeavouring to open new Circles in other areas of the country. Thanks to fundraising efforts, a group of volunteers have gone to South Africa to work in a multi-racial situation and it is hoped that this innovative start can be consolidated in the next few years. The work being done by Peter East in Bangladesh has been applauded by the membership and resulted in funds being made available to support this inspiring personal initiative. All these and other new pieces of work need financial assistance if they are to succeed and I ask you all to endeavour to increase your personal support.

During the last three years there has been a constant trend towards making the accounts more meaningful and interesting to the membership, but this year, in fact, there is little change to the format, and the accounts presented on the following pages are taken from the full audited accounts of Toc H (including Regional Accounts) together with the accounts of Toc H Services and Talbot House, Poperinge. They are known as the Consolidated Accounts of the Movement and are capable of comparison with the previous financial year. Also, separately shown, are the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account of the Toc H Services Fund.

Consolidated Accounts — Income and Expenditure

The Consolidated Accounts show a deficit for the year of £211,728 which after taking into account a surplus on the Services Accounts of £10,015 meant the deficit in the Toc H Accounts for the UK amounted to £221,743. This figure was in accord with our budget. Although membership giving dropped a little, this was compensated for by an increase in investment income providing a slight increase in total income. However, as expenditure has increased by a greater proportion, every effort is required to maintain the flow of income into the Movement's funds.

As indicated in previous reports a policy of opening community houses has continued and at the time of writing, new houses had been purchased in Leicester and Wellingborough, with a further property being considered in Bedford. The community houses opened to date have produced a surplus towards their running costs and with a further house at Newark Street, Stepney, London, sponsored by The Wakefield Trust opened in June this year, the investment in community living is really taking shape. Our major Centres at Cuddesdon and Port Penrhyn again required grants to assist in their running and these amounted to £20,077 and £22,529 respectively. This trend appears to have been partially reversed and, in the light of the bookings, the current financial year should show an improvement, although their contribution to Toc H cannot be measured solely in financial terms.

The BAOR Accounts show that income for the year has not improved and with additional costs, the grant from the Ministry of Defence increased to £90,179. This enabled a surplus of £10,015 to be achieved, but with a new grant arrangement now negotiated, this will not occur in future years. We have now received a fair and reasonable new deal from the Ministry of Defence regarding the funding of welfare and trading in BAOR, and all losses incurred will for the immediate future be covered. Our aim should be to make surpluses to service the cost of stock, affected always by inflation. This situation has led to all organisations working under the umbrella of CVWW in Germany seeking to find new ways in which they can be more supportive to each other and improve efficiency.

Balance Sheet

Properties. At the year end purchases completed included the Community House property at Wellingborough at a basic cost of £18,200 (with refurbishing costs to follow). Other prospective purchases at Leicester, Bedford and Kingsteignton were still to be finalised. Newark Street rehabilitation costs of £36,000 net of grants received to date were capitalised pending further financial support. The sale of Mark 1 was completed and negotiations for the development of the Mark 20 property were continuing. Funds remaining from the sale of Marks including notional interest showed a balance of £436,414. The excess of book value realised on sale of properties of £118,301 was transferred to the Development Fund.

Investments. The book value of investments at 31 March 1985 was £1,869,115 (with a market value of £3,959,967) and short term deposits required to cover cash requirements in the near future totalled £100,493. A rearrangement of investments was made during the year to improve income and £67,338 realised in excess of book value on sales was transferred to the Development Fund.

R E Broomfield

TOCH ACCOUNTS 1984/85

CONSOLIDATED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1985

	1985	1984
£	£	£
INCOME		
Central Donations and Income from Overseas	19,433	17,857
Regional Income:		
Subscriptions and Contributions from Branches and Members including Special Efforts	73,790	77,142
Tax Recovered on Deeds of Covenant	9,426	10,439
Builders Subscriptions	7,686	8,574
	90,902	96,155
Income from Investments and Bank Interest	233,953	207,459
Rent Receivable	60,971	68,880
Amounts transferred from other Funds:		
Chaplaincy Endowments	8,599	5,762
Amounts transferred from Legacies	55,263	48,958
Grants Received	17,900	33,100
	487,021	478,171
EXPENDITURE		
Wages, Salaries and Other Staff Costs	350,233	328,322
Employers National Insurance	30,822	28,830
Pensioners	34,544	35,738
Staff Pension Fund	10,392	10,008
Redundancy	474	2,185
Travelling Expenses	51,518	42,756
Depreciation and Amortisation	36,915	30,149
Loss on Sales of Motor Vehicles	4,110	2,015
Training	6,646	4,974
Rent, Rates and Insurance	29,384	30,537
Heat and Light	17,928	17,484
Post and Telephone	31,905	28,839
Printing, Stationery and Print Room	7,501	4,739
Professional Fees	13,055	7,992
Repairs, Maintenance and Hire of Equipment	13,271	14,305
Provision for Repairs and Maintenance of Property	27,787	27,091
Conferences	10,705	6,486
General Expenses	8,259	9,811
Publicity	3,368	952
Interest on Loans	8,180	8,071
Deficit on Publications	6,767	2,975
Grants and Payments to Branches and Regions	5,000	21,500
	708,764	665,759
Toc H Services Fund — Excess of Income over Expenditure	(221,743)	(187,588)
	10,015	17,004
Excess of Expenditure over Income transferred to Development Fund	£(211,728)	£(170,584)

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

31 MARCH 1985

	1985	1984
£	£	£
PROPERTIES, EQUIPMENT AND MOTOR VEHICLES	1,025,295	943,888
INVESTMENTS		
At Cost or at Valuation when given		
(Market Value — 1985 - £3,959,967)	1,869,115	1,793,077
1984 - £3,605,739)		
Held on behalf of Branches	13,805	13,805
Held on behalf of Tablot House, Southampton	9,664	9,664
(Market Value — 1985 - £21,760)		
1984 - £19,739)		
LOAN — Talbot House Association, Belgium		
re Talbot House, Poperinge	39,533	39,533
CURRENT ASSETS		
Stocks	231,588	254,758
Sundry Debtors and Payments in Advance	259,099	103,284
Bank Deposit	98,493	81,738
Building Society and National Savings Bank Deposits	2,000	285,039
Cash at Banks and in Hand	121,892	125,454
Cash in Transit	3,642	3,260
	<u>716,714</u>	<u>853,533</u>
LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Sundry Creditors and Accruals	134,300	203,285
Current Account with Toc H 1964 Trust — Alison House	12,703	14,003
Loans from Branches and Members (Unsecured)	103,044	102,215
Bank Overdraft (Secured)	83,609	48,116
Current Provisions and Funds	38,898	28,468
	<u>372,554</u>	<u>396,087</u>
	344,160	457,446
	3,301,572	3,257,413
LESS: DEFERRED LIABILITIES	8,923	9,078
	<u>£3,292,649</u>	<u>£3,248,335</u>
Represented by:		
DEVELOPMENT FUND	£3,165,620	£3,132,711
FUNDS HELD FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES	127,029	115,624
	<u>£3,292,649</u>	<u>£3,248,335</u>
Note:		
Development Fund. This Fund represents the consolidated financial resources of Toc H with assets and investments valued at original cost.		
The Fund increased during the year by £32,909 as follows:		
Fund at 31 March 1984		£3,132,711
Add: Excess of sale price over book value on realisation of:		
Properties	118,301	
Investments	67,338	
Legacy income carried forward	32,033	
Adjustment due to change in dividend policies	26,333	
Transfer from other funds	632	
	<u>244,637</u>	
Less: Deficit on Income and Expenditure Account for the year	211,728	32,909
Fund at 31 March 1985		<u>£3,165,620</u>

TOCH ACCOUNTS 1984/85

TOCH SERVICES FUND

BALANCE SHEET – 31 MARCH 1985

	£	1985	£	1984	£
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stock	231,588			254,758	
Sundry Debtors and Payments in Advance	95,862			32,750	
Cash at Banks and in Hand	102,251		429,701	115,814	403,322
LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Amount due to Toc H	1,491			1,818	
Sundry Creditors and Accrued Charges	75,843		77,334	59,152	60,970
TOTAL NET ASSETS			<u>£352,367</u>		<u>£342,352</u>
Represented by:					
TOCH SERVICES FUND					
Balance at 31 March 1984			342,352		325,348
Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year			10,015		17,004
			<u>£352,367</u>		<u>£342,352</u>

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1985

	£	1985	£	1984	£
INCOME					
Canteens, Shops and Hostellers		1,067,887			1,090,662
Opening Stock	254,758			287,263	
Purchases and Shop Expenses	712,170			705,203	
	966,928			992,466	
Less: Closing Stock	231,588		735,340	254,758	737,708
Net Income from Clubs		332,547			352,954
Add: Grants from Ministry of Defence		90,179			28,703
Donations Received		1,227			727
		423,953			382,384
EXPENDITURE					
Salaries and Wages (including Welfare Staff)	272,266			254,720	
Rent and Insurance	31,373			22,791	
Heat and Light	28,050			21,532	
Printing and stationery	871			1,029	
Postage and Telephone	7,506			6,971	
Audit Fees	3,500			3,000	
General Expenses	8,533			12,212	
Travelling Expenses	31,284			25,599	
Repairs, Renewals and Equipment	27,906			13,533	
Projects	2,649		413,938	3,993	365,380
Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year			<u>£10,015</u>		<u>£17,004</u>

The Accounts for the year ended 31 March 1985 were audited by Messrs Kingston Smith & Co, Chartered Accountants, Devonshire House, 146 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4JX. The foregoing Balance Sheets and Income and Expenditure Accounts are only extracts from the audited financial statements. Full copies of the accounts, including accounting policies and other notes are available to all members on demand. It would be helpful if any questions you may have on the accounts are submitted before Central Council to allow time for a full answer to be prepared.

R E Broomfield – *Honorary Treasurer*

E J Godfrey – *Finance & Properties Secretary*

Mundesley House

The story of a new 'focal point' Trevor Sizer

Mundesley is a small rural town on the north Norfolk coast, some 15 miles north of the Norfolk Broads. Situated on the eastern edge of the town on the cliff top, there is a five and a half acre complex owned by Methodist Youth Holidays Ltd, in which there are three houses, plus ancillary buildings and an adventure playground. One of these houses, which Toc H has leased from MYH Ltd, is the most secluded, self-contained in its own grounds, and closest to the cliff top.

This story starts in 1983 when, in the late summer, an approach was made to me from MYH Ltd, asking if Toc H might be interested in some form of working partnership. If so, it was suggested a meeting take place to examine the 'common ground' which appeared to exist between the two organisations, particularly in our work with young people, and also to consider if any facilities in the MYH complex could be suitable for wider general Toc H use.

It was soon clear that we had much in common. MYH exists for the purpose of *'helping and educating young persons through their leisure time, holiday and educational activities, so to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and that their conditions of life may be improved and to awaken or to strengthen their desire for a full and active Christian life.'*

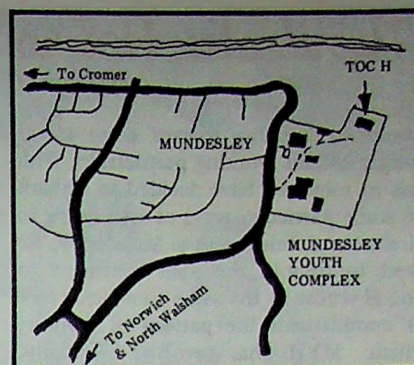
This closely parallels major parts of our aims and objects, ie:

'to advance the Christian religion, to advance education especially in regard to the study and practices of the social

sciences, . . . in the interests of social welfare to provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupations with the object of improving conditions particularly among young people, . . . to give assistance to the sick, (& disabled) . . . to provide, maintain and manage Community Houses, Hostels, . . . Social Centres and places of meeting or recreation or instruction . . . to enter into any arrangement for joint working or co-operation with any society or body of persons . . . carrying on work or having objects similar to the work and objects of Toc H . . .'

It was felt that sufficient 'common ground' existed for a possible way of working together to be examined. Meetings were therefore arranged between the officers of MYH and Toc H whilst at the same time more local conversations were held with the membership and other bodies (social services, colleges etc) to determine what the reaction would be if we took an interest in the complex at Mundesley. The result of these discussions was that in April 1985 Toc H entered into an agreement with MYH to lease one of the three houses in the complex for a period of five years.

The house, formerly the summer residence of the Bishop of Peterborough, is of medium size, comprising 13 rooms and offering accommodation for 28 people in eight bedrooms, one of which is on the ground floor. The kitchen has been newly equipped to provide self catering facilities of a high standard. We are currently working to provide level



access or ramps and have fitted grab rails for use by the less able in all toilets and showers. The provision of a shower room suitable for wheelchair users is also in hand.

Mundesley House will be a Toc H facility for use by groups of all ages but will give priority to the training and recreation of young people. In consultation with Norfolk Social Services it has been equipped to allow people with 'a limited degree of handicap' to participate in groups in as 'normal' a manner as possible. It is not intended that this house should become a centre for the handicapped but rather that any handicapped person wishing to go there should be able to do so with a minimum of inconvenience. At the same time people dealing specifically with groups of disabled would not be precluded from using the property if they were happy with the facilities available. Use of the grounds is also possible for those who prefer to camp.

It had been intended that the first year, or much of it at least, would be occupied in getting work completed within the house. Although much of this has been accomplished it has had to be done in between use by a variety of groups who have wished to use the house earlier than we had anticipated. To date we have had groups from Melton Mowbray, Nottingham, Bridlington TAG, a Harlow Boys Choir and a Bangladeshi party while Lowestoft College of FE have booked eight weeks use.

So it is starting to happen and the task is to ensure that it develops and grows. It is a considerable undertaking for not only are we refurbishing and developing a new Toc H centre but uniquely doing so whilst attempting to undertake a working partnership with MYH who manage the other two houses.

In all the planning to date we have had to accommodate this together with the longer term thinking that if this venture proves to be workable and successful we

Revd Frank Topping receives a TV set on behalf of Mundesley House at the Open Day in July.

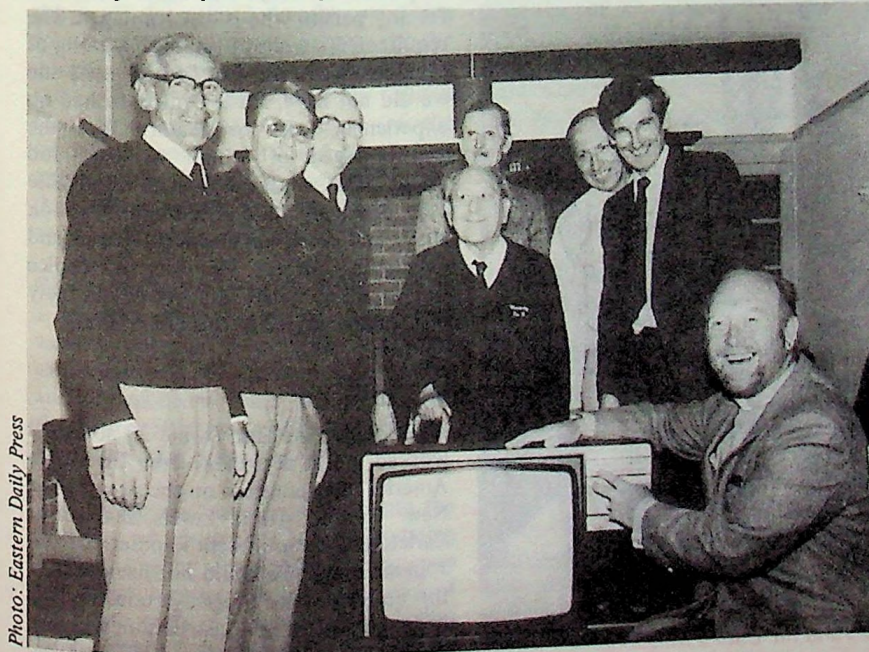


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Mundesley House

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would be looking toward some closer merger of this working partnership. With this in mind we have decided to embark on some particular ways of attempting to direct our development at Mundesley. We need to uphold the aims pertinent to Toc H whilst at the same time being able to complement the pattern of working which MYH has evolved. Initially, therefore, we have decided to concentrate on interesting sixth forms and colleges to use the house. In this way we feel it will offer our own young leaders the opportunity to use the house for their own project or social activities while also opening up new avenues for use by other groups wishing to use it. This is already happening in a limited way which we are working to develop further. We see this as complementing the work of MYH who are mainly involved with school groups of a younger age range. We have already set up a steering group which we see as having two specific tasks. One to have concern for the house management and the other to look at wider developments

which are made possible through relationships developed between us and those using the house. There are a number of college tutors on our steering group and we see this as one of the means by which we can pursue such thinking and thus be able to establish local links between Toc H Districts and those within their area who have used the house and wish to further their links with us.

The enthusiasm shown by the membership of Toc H in East Anglia and beyond has been quite outstanding from the time we were examining the possible use of the Mundesley complex up to the present. They have been instrumental in setting up an Association of Friends whose priorities are both to support the house with manpower and finance and also to provide initial financial support for the development of house activities as yet to be identified by the Steering Group. Already they have helped to fund the decoration. So in many ways the house is being recognised as something to which the membership feel they belong and where ample scope exists for all who wish to be involved, in a variety of ways, to do so.

Much has been accomplished which without the support of the membership would not have been possible. Already we have received a colour TV, £50 worth of pillows, a commercial vacuum cleaner and the provision of a gas fire and installation costs.

As grateful as we are for this response it will only be of lasting value if the house is fully used. It is here that we need help and response. If this is to be an effective Toc H 'focal' point then we all, as members of Toc H, must help to ensure its success. So when you are planning your Branch or District activities or projects, remember Mundesley. When you meet with others in your work or community, remember Mundesley. Try us, for our job is to work for you through this particular situation. Ring us up — talk to us — come and see the house if you wish. Do whatever you can to make it a success.

(Information on Mundesley House from Trevor Sizer, 12 Miller's Breck, Taverham, Norwich NR8 6NH. Tel: Norwich 867367.

CARLETONVILLE The new National Centre of TocH in South Africa

Dion Roder

The dream of our own National Centre really started to take shape some five years ago. The ideal was to have a centre on the lines of those we see in the UK. Many of us felt that the Movement needed some place to call its own where we could do our own thing. The one weakness in this wonderful Movement of ours is the fact that as soon as a project really gets going and establishes its own buildings, that is more or less the

stage that Toc H disengages and withdraws. We have done this with the Hospice association in the Witwatersand, the TB settlement in Natal and even the Eleazer Centre for Cripples in Durban.

The background

At that stage we had no money and were running the Movement at a loss which succeeded in eroding our financial

resources through no fault of anyone in Toc H. Then the very brave decisions of previous chairpersons, in connection with the establishment of the Toc H Gift Shop scheme, started to pay off in real terms as well. The steady income from that astounding organisation gave us a breather to sit back and plan well. The National Centre was one of the results.

Seen in its simplest format, the Centre is to provide holidays and other recreation for any person who is disadvantaged. The requirements were to establish a group of buildings we could not afford, on a site we did not have, for a Centre we had no experience of, to cater for the disadvantaged of whom we have too many. What started out as an impossible task suddenly and frighteningly took shape and escalated into a full-blown and demanding project. We have no choice but to acknowledge that we are divinely blessed and guided in this undertaking.

The beginning

We acquired the land (some 30 acres if I worked it out correctly) from the Anglo American Corporation on the site of their New Western Deep Levels shaft near Carletonville, about eight kilometres from Johannesburg. We could not have wished for better access. Freeways constructed, or in the process of construction, will link us with Johannesburg, the airports,



Volunteers on site, from Toc H in South Africa and the United Kingdom.



Each year Cleveland Council for Voluntary Services and Rotary organised a sponsored Superswim to raise funds for various charities. Toc H has benefited many times in the past. This year Teesside Toc H entered a team, made up of members and relatives and helped to raise about £170.



Toc H Birkenhead Girls Club recently won first prize at a sports day organised by the Wirral Association of Youth Workers.

Photo: Wirral News

Pretoria and all the major roads to the south. It is hilly and has the most moderate climate in the country. This site was made possible through the good offices of our President, Dennis Etheredge. We also received a donation of R100 000 from Anglo to boot.

Several large donations and bequests also came our way including two largish bequests which came from completely unknown people. As our development fund swelled, the drive to start the actual Centre increased. Not everything went as we would have liked it. A deep tragedy was the death of Muriel Miller soon after she and Bob took over responsibility for the Centre and just succeeded in getting things off the ground. Another promising couple decided against taking up the position as Centre Managers. Negotiations are taking place with the major theological colleges and some of the schools of social work for a priest or minister who would like the challenge of the Centre as opposed to taking on a congregation immediately.

One of the buildings at the Centre will be a chapel and we sincerely hope that various retreats and other religious gatherings will be arranged by churches and organisations. This will ensure that the Centre Manager (and Padre) will keep his 'ministering' hat on as well.

To provide the basic income to run the Centre, we anticipate accommodating various smaller conventions, congresses and other meetings at the lower end of the cost scale. Various welfare bodies have already indicated that they will be

overjoyed at having access to a non-racial meeting place within easy reach of Johannesburg, especially at the rates we anticipate charging.

The lay-out

The Centre will consist of four chalets sleeping 24 in rooms of varying sizes, the chapel and the kitchen/lounge/dining room building in which the meetings will be held. The ablution block which will be serving the prefabricated buildings has already been built, whilst the prefabs will sleep an additional 24 people on bunk beds as it is doing at the moment in the form of all the Volunteers. We have erected a large steel shed for storage purposes and the house for the staff at the Centre will probably be built next.

Matters are now being delayed by the fact that we must get approval from various governmental organisations to establish a recreational facility on land demarcated for mining purposes. Our argument is that a person whose only view from his home is the other 'shacks' in the township, or the brick wall of the block of flats or factory next door, will infinitely prefer the open spaces of the Centre and a view of the most modern and deepest goldmine in the world. Just imagine having a hole or shaft 14 kilometres deep right next to our Centre!

The future

That then is the 'hardware' of the project. The end result will be a group of buildings which will provide a facility where many South Africans and other

visitors of any race, colour, creed, organisation or whatever will be able to meet together and to get to know and understand each other in complete peace and isolation.

The mine is establishing a game park right next door and various game trails will be provided. At a little dam nearby, Yvonne Knapp, our live-wire secretary, is dreaming of establishing a bird sanctuary whilst the rest of the property is large enough to provide many interesting and mostly gentle walks. We have nothing of the lovely deep green countryside of England. What we do have is hilly, thorn shrub veld, which is so typical of Africa. We offer the browns, beiges and yellows of the veld with the blue of the sky.

The Centre will also be the jumping off point of the project 'Holidays for the Disadvantaged' in which we hope to establish an independent organisation under Toc H control to organise the holidays, collect funds to pay for them and to look for opportunities to extend the project. The project approach which we are learning so avidly from the UK will also emanate from the Centre to the point where we hope to have a national network of projects to involve groups of volunteers all over South Africa.

That then is the dream in the process of execution. Right next to the mine with a budget of one billion Rand, our little Centre looks puny, but our dream and the influence it will have on society is easily as large, and built on even sounder bed-rock.

What's happening in Seaford?

A CAMEO OF BRANCH LIFE

John Minter

Sunday morning, and Cliff and Charles make their way to St Leonard's Church where they are on duty as sidemen for the 8am Communion Service. Other members go to the Family Service at 9.45am. Later, John goes to a local Nursing Home where he makes his usual visits and also collects waste paper that has accumulated there during the week. A sizeable proportion of the income for the Minibus Depreciation Fund comes from the sale of waste paper.

Jeff is at home, writing up the log for the last meeting. As Keeper of the Log, Jeff faithfully records all that takes place at Branch meetings.

Robin looks over the Minibus diary for the week to make sure that all the bookings have drivers. He has no intention of emulating the achievement of the previous Minibus Secretary who not only double-booked but treble-booked the bus on one unforgettable occasion.

On Monday, Bill collects the bus for the local Stroke Club. In the afternoon, Tom gets on his bicycle and sets off to deliver his share of the Branch newsletters. 'Lamplight' circulates round the town to about 160 organisations and private individuals. Robin goes down to the home of a local resident who is nearly blind to do some running repairs. Jack, who must be the GOM of the Branch (he saw service at Gallipoli) is taken to a local hospital where he chats to several patients.

Elm Court Youth Club have the bus for the evening.

On Tuesday morning, Charles and Harry clear the Minibus garage of all waste paper ready for the monthly collection tomorrow. Lil sets off on her round of visits to older folk she looks after in the town. In the afternoon, Cliff collects the Minibus and takes ladies belonging to the local Methodist Church to their meeting. Tuesday evening is the Branch meeting night. A good attendance this evening – 19 members crowd into the Scout HQ. The Branch enjoys a very happy relationship with the local Scouts and recently helped them with their 50/50 Sale to raise funds for the repair of the roof of their Headquarters.

Light is taken by Janet. Doug, who is Bookings Secretary for the United



Reformed Church Hall, informs the Branch that he has booked the hall for 7 December for the Christmas Fair. What it is to have a friend at Court! Robin reminds drivers that on Friday, the Blue Bird Club have the bus and consequently the regular transport for the local OAP Club has to be done by cars.

The second Wednesday in the month is Waste Paper Day, and members are soon whizzing round the town collecting waste paper and taking it to the Minibus garage. One such call is at Seaford station, where commuters drop their newspapers into a box for our benefit. On Wednesday night the Minibus has to sleep outside the garage – there is no room inside! Eric and Harry usually combine forces and arrive during the evening with a car load of newspapers. Bill and John also do their round in the evening enjoying their usual back-chat with a local Welsh lady, whose greeting is usually 'Hallo boyo – I've got a ton for you today!'

Thursday morning sees the dawn procession of the Minibus and three members' cars loaded almost to the roof with bundled papers. At the depot five miles away, they go on to the weighbridge in pairs, and disgorge their loads onto the conveyor belts. In the afternoon, one of the volunteer drivers who help us with our daily rotas collects the Minibus and takes members of the Inner Light Club to their meeting. Trevor is one of the gallant band outside the Branch without whose help it would not be possible to fulfil all the bookings. In the evening it is Cliff's turn to drive the bus – this time for the Widows and Widowers organisation CRUSE. Thursday evening sees a training session at Lewes Police Station for the Victims Support Scheme – started on the initiative of the

Police and Social Services to help victims of crime. Several members have joined the scheme and on the way in the car, Gordon, the Branch Programme Secretary, discusses with John the Branch Programme for the coming months. Robin, who is Treasurer of the VSS, meets them at Lewes.

On Friday, the Blue Bird Club have arranged an outing to the De la Warr Pavilion at Bexhill, and as arranged on Tuesday, the OAP Club transport is done with cars.

On Friday evening, John is asked to take a new driver round the block so that he can familiarise himself with the Minibus. The Branch always asks new drivers to have a short test run before they drive the bus for the first time with passengers. John is slightly embarrassed when the new driver produces a Driving Instructor's certificate! Later in the evening the bus is driven away for the weekend to take local Brownies to their camp. Luckily, the weather promises well.

Saturday dawns fine and sunny and the Branch take the Isle of Wight Treasure Hunt to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution's Summer Fete at Newhaven. Robin, Doug, Cliff and Bill take the minibus over in the morning and set up the stall, and are joined in the afternoon by Harry when the Fete opens at 2pm. The stall is soon thronged with customers and by four o'clock the 600 tickets have been sold and over 80 prizes (all donated to the Branch) have been won. In theory, the Fete operates on a 50/50 basis for the stall holders, but most organisations give more to the RNLI than they keep for themselves. Our takings come to just over £50, and we hand over £36 to the RNLI.

...and at Saltburn-by-Sea?

Ann Self



The 'Wind of Change' is a familiar phrase from a well known politician but it could well describe the events at the Toc H Coach House. This is because when Teesside District made alterations to the building, one of the main factors was that it should cater for the disabled, as there appeared to be a shortage of premises with easy access for wheelchairs and with suitable toilets. However, despite earlier information, I don't think the toilets have been used by anyone in a wheelchair, because when all was complete the need suddenly disappeared.

We now find that the biggest cry for help comes from the teens and 20s age group. Saltburn is a small seaside town with a

lovely rugged coastline, but deep down it can be a sad place to live as unemployment is very high, and the town has become a land of bed-sits with the majority occupied by young unemployed. There is also quite a big drug problem in Saltburn which is surprising to the outsider, but Toc H is hoping to do something about it. A weekly club for teen and 20s has been in operation now for almost two years and some weeks it is positively bursting at the seams. But it is a sad state of affairs and a sorry reflection on our times when I say that the young members have named their club 'Wits End', because they say that's where they are at. A second evening has recently opened up and both clubs are run on similar lines with snooker, table tennis and darts available and now discussion evenings are starting to take place on a regular basis on such matters as drugs and VD etc, at the members request I might add. It is hoped that the helplines going out will be seized, used, and possibly extended.

Another new project for the Coach House has also taken place this summer, involving young unemployed taking an equal number of children from less fortunate homes on a mini-holiday. The idea being that they should have the responsibility of looking after a child. You will gather all went well when I tell you that repeated cries of 'Can we go again' have been heard since their return.

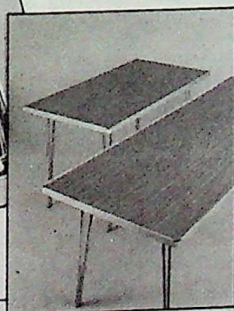
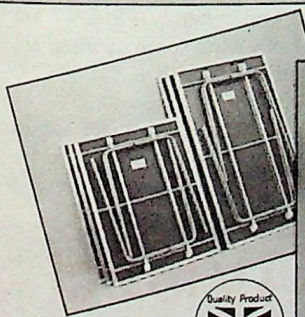
This year's summer holiday playschemes seems to have been as successful as last year's, with art and craft being the mainstay of it all. Being by the sea one would expect to see lots of shells and pebbles used, but no, the children (and volunteers) were busy making pictures from dried pulses and pasta! Two of the highlights of the fortnight were a visit to Lightwater Valley, an adventure park, and a disco party on the final day.

The newest group to join our Toc H family in the Coach House is a drama group who rejoice in the name of 'Stepladder'. They perform for charity and in June decided that charity begins at home and put on a review for Toc H funds, with songs and sketches based on a WW1 theme entitled 'Put That Light Out'. It was an appropriate theme bearing in mind that we are celebrating the 70th anniversary of Toc H this year and that it was from WW1 that our Light was lit.

We are very grateful to Manpower Services Commission and especially to the agency we deal with, Huntcliffe Coastal Care, for the active support and help they give us. Although we are into our second year with workers from MSC we must always be aware that they won't always be with us and therefore whatever development takes place it can only succeed with volunteers who are committed to supporting us in the future.

It is hoped that eventually a strong management committee will shoulder the responsibility of day to day running of the Coach House, and hopefully it won't be too long before that happens.

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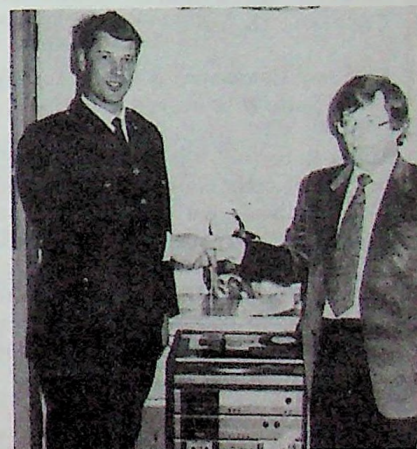


Photo: John Burgess

As part of his police training, Constable Clive Holder had to organise a fund raising event for charity. He successfully raised £700 and, after discussion with his mother Jean, District Branch Secretary in West Herts, it was used to purchase a stereo record player, radio cassette recorder and stereo headphones for Cell Barnes hospital at St Albans. A further £50 of record tokens was also donated.

Forthcoming Events

October	5	Manchester Toc H Festival of Music, Free Trade Hall	Open
		N East Regional Council	
		N Bucks and Oxford and Thames Valley Rally, Wolverton	Open
	12	W Mids and S Wales Regional Rally, Worcester	Open
		Southern Regional Council	
		S West Regional Residential Weekend, Babbacombe	Open
	13	Colsterdale Celebration Weekend	Open
	16	Midweek Training event at Cuddesdon	Open
	18	Notts and Derby Area Weekend, Alison House	Open
	19	District Rally, Wroughton, Wiltshire	Open
		E Anglia Area Gathering, Ipswich	Open
		Mid-Somerset Gathering, Langport	Open
	25/27	Drop-in Project at Dunstable Down – Scrub clearance	Open
	26	N Wales & N West Regional Council	
	31	Meeting of representatives of Centres and Projects, Tadcaster	
November	2/3	Central Council Meeting, Swanwick	
	7	'Alternatives'. Day Conference at Cuddesdon House	Open
	22	Cardiff Centre, Open Day	Open
	22/24	Dunstable scrub clearance – see October 25	Open
	30	Scottish Conference, Dunblane	Open
December	6/8	CEC Residential Weekend, Alison House	
	11/12	World Chain of Light, starting at Maryborough, Queensland, Australia	
		Vigil also at Cuddesdon House	Open
	14	N West and N Wales Regional Council	
		Tubby Clayton Centenary Service at All Hallows, London	Open

Enquiries concerning 'Open' events may be sent to the Editor who will forward them to the local organiser.

'Alternatives'

A Day Conference at the Toc H Centre, Cuddesdon House, Cuddesdon, Oxford

Leader: James Robertson

Date: Thursday, 7 November 1985

Time: 10am - 4pm

Cost: £8

This Day Conference is jointly sponsored by the Oxford Diocesan Board for Social Responsibility, Industrial Mission in Berks, Bucks & Oxon, and Toc H.

James Robertson, the Leader of the Day Conference, is the author of 'The Sane Alternative: A Choice of Futures' and a number of other books. 'The Sane Alternative' reviews coming social changes in a variety of important spheres of life. We are told that there are a number of important alternatives facing society, and the author briefly sets out what some of these are before turning his attention to the one which he considers to be the most sane – the 'Sane Alternative' of his title.

The object of the Day Conference is to give to those who are concerned about changes in society a chance to meet James Robertson, to hear him, and to discuss with him his own ideas about the future of our society. It promises to be an interesting and valuable day, and we hope that you can come. *More details from The Editor or from Cuddesdon House.*

Colsterdale Comes of Age 11/13 Oct

In November the present lease of Colsterdale, the Toc H outdoor activity centre in Yorkshire, expires. It's renewal marks the 21st birthday of the Centre. To mark this there will be a **Celebration Weekend** – 11/13 October. Friends and visitors are invited either to spend the weekend at the Centre (cost £8.50) or to visit on **Saturday** (from 11am until late) or **Sunday** (between 11am and 3pm).

More details from Paul Lawrence, the Warden, at Toc H Colsterdale, Healey, Masham, Ripon, N Yorks. Tel: 0765 (Ripon) 89328.

Tubby Clayton Centenary Service

All Hallows-by-the-Tower, London
Saturday, 14 December 1985

At 12 noon on Saturday, 14 at All Hallows, there will be a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of the Revd P B 'Tubby' Clayton. Later in the day, at 2.30pm, there will be the usual Service of Lessons and Carols organised by the SE Region.

Between these two services, tea will be provided at All Hallows, but no food, so please bring your own picnic. There is a shortage of food shops on Tower Hill!

Entrance to both or either service is by ticket (free for Centenary Service, £1 for the Carol Service), available from Miss C M Pring, 39 Princes Plain, Bromley, Kent BR2 8LH.